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**To the Chairman and Members of the Leamington Spa
Education Committee.**

February 27th, 1925.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to report as follows with respect to the work of the School Medical Department for the year 1924.

The number of children examined in the three "Code" Groups was 1,046, a decrease of 123 on last year.

The percentage of defects, excluding uncleanness and Dental disease requiring treatment was the same as in the previous 12 months, viz., 8.8%.

The scheme of treatment with the Warneford Hospital for Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids, Defective Vision and Ringworm continues to work smoothly and efficiently, and 68 children were treated there for these conditions.

The percentage of vaccinated children is unfortunately considerably lower, as both amongst boys and girls 65% are unvaccinated, as compared with 57% last year.

Mr. Thomas, the Dental Surgeon, was, I regret to say, taken seriously ill in May, and unable to resume work until after the Summer holidays. I was fortunate, however, in obtaining the services of Mr. Pugh, who did excellent work during the two months he acted as locum tenens.

My best thanks are due once again to Dr. French, the Tuberculosis Officer for his assistance and reports on a number of children.

I am,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. L. GOLDIE.

Report of School Medical Officer for 1924.

The total area of the Borough of Royal Leamington Spa is 2,816 acres, divided up as follows:—

Leamington Priors	...	1,594	acres.
New Milverton	...	691	,,
Lillington ...	...	531	,,

The estimated population for 1924 was 29,260.

There are 10 Public Elementary Schools with 20 departments, of which 6 schools with 10 departments are non-provided. The average number of children on the register on the 24th December, 1924, was 3,276.

TABLE 1.
NON-PROVIDED SCHOOLS.

No.	Name of School.	Average on Reg- isters.	Average Attend- ance.	Per- centage
1	Bath Place (C. of E.) Mixed ...	285	262	92
	„ Infants ...	75	67	89
2	Lillington (C. of E.) Mixed ...	56	51	91
	„ „ Infants ...	23	21	91
3	Wesleyan, Mixed (3 months) ...	168	140	83
4	St. Paul's (C. of E.) ...	279	257	92
	„ „ Infants ...	88	77	88
5	St. Peter's (R.C.) Boys ...	92	86	93
6	„ Girls ...	103	92	89
	„ Infants ...	78	69	88
		1247	1122	89·9
PROVIDED SCHOOLS.				
7	Clapham Terrace, Mixed ...	368	335	91
	„ Infants ...	122	103	84
8	Leicester Street Central, Boys ...	260	240	92
	„ Girls ...	270	243	90
	„ Infants ...	140	122	87
9	Milverton, Mixed	296	270	91
	„ Infants	121	106	88
10	Shrubland Street, Boys ...	155	145	94
	„ Girls ...	226	210	93
	„ Infants ...	142	122	86
		2100	1896	90·2
		3347	3018	90·1

TABLE II.
(TABLE I., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

RETURN OF MEDICAL INSPECTIONS.

A. Routine Medical Inspections.

Number of Code Group Inspections:

Entrants	281
Intermediates	376
Leavers	389
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Total	1046
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Number of other Routine Inspections 17

B. OTHER INSPECTIONS.

Number of Special Inspections ..	1130
Number of Re-Inspections ...	218
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Total ...	1348



TABLE III.

(A. TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

Return of Defects found in the course of Medical Inspection in 1924

Defect or Disease.					Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
					Number of Defects.		Number of Defects.	
					Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.
1					2	3	4	5
Skin.	Malnutrition ...	...	...	...	5	8	—	—
	Uncleanliness ...	...	...	...	36	165	24	30
	Ringworm—							
	Head ...	...	...	...	—	—	12	—
	Body ...	...	...	...	—	—	15	—
	Scabies ...	...	...	...	—	—	10	—
	Impetigo ...	...	...	...	6	—	128	—
Eye.	Other Diseases(non-Tubercular)				—	6	15	—
	Blepharitis ...	...	...	...	4	—	2	—
	Conjunctivitis ...	...	...	...	—	1	11	—
	Keratitis ...	...	...	...	—	—	—	—
	Corneal Opacities ...	...	...	...	—	—	1	—
	Defective vision (excluding squint)				21	66	17	8
	Squint ...	...	...	...	—	12	—	—
Ear.	Other conditions ...	...	...	...	—	1	1	2
	Defective Hearing ...	...	...	...	—	1	—	—
	Otitis Media ...	...	...	...	1	—	2	—
	Other Ear Diseases ...	...	...	...	—	—	5	—
Nose and Throat.	Enlarged Tonsils only ...	...	...	...	11	175	4	—
	Adenoids only ...	...	...	...	—	4	2	—
	Enlarged Tonsils & Adenoids				43	17	21	—
	Other conditions ...	...	...	...	18	196	4	—
	Enlarged Cervical Glands (non-Tubercular)				—	—	16	—
	Defective Speech ...	...	...	...	—	—	3	—
Teeth—Dental Diseases ...					455	88	103	—

TABLE III.

(TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION, continued)

Return of Defects found in the course of Medical Inspection, 1924.

Defect or Disease.					Routine Inspections.		Special Inspections.	
					Number of Defects.		Number of Defects.	
					Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.	Requiring treatment.	Requiring to be kept under observation, but not requiring treatment.
1					2	3	4	5
Heart and Circulation.	Heart Disease—							
	Organic				—	3	—	—
	Functional				—	6	—	—
	Anæmia				1	33	11	4
Lungs.	Bronchitis				2	—	5	—
	Other Non-Tubercular Diseases				—	—	—	1
	Pulmonary—							
	Definite				1	—	—	—
Tuberculosis.	Suspected				—	1	5	13
	Non-Pulmonary—							
	Glands				1	—	—	—
	Spine				—	—	—	—
	Hip				—	—	—	—
	Other Bones and Joints ...				—	—	—	1
	Skin... ..				—	—	—	—
	Other Forms				—	—	—	—
Nervous System.	Epilepsy				—	—	—	2
	Chorea				—	—	1	—
	Other Conditions				—	—	—	1
Deformities.	Rickets				1	25	2	1
	Spinal Curvature				—	—	—	—
	Other Forms				—	5	—	2
	Other Defects and Diseases ...				4	33	168	479
					610	849	585	545

TABLE II., BOARD OF EDUCATION (continued).

B. Number of individual children found on Routine Medical Inspection to require treatment (excluding Uncleanliness and Dental Diseases).

GROUP. 1	Number of Children.		Percentage of Children found to require treatment. 4
	Inspected. 2	Found to require treatment. 3	
Code Groups—			
Entrants	281	29	10.03
Intermediates	376	42	11.2
Leavers	389	22	5.7
Total (code groups)	1046	93	8.8
Other Routine Inspections ...	17	3	17.6

Routine School Inspection.

Table III. (B. of E. II.a.) shows the numbers of children examined both at the Routine and Special inspections, together with defects found.

(1) EYE DEFECTS.

Excluding Infants, 765 children were examined in the Schools. Of these, good vision—that is to say, not less than 6/9 in both Eyes—was found in 682 cases, or 90%, and in 16, or a further 2%, there was fair vision i.e., not less than 6/12 in both Eyes.

Under the Scheme of Treatment with the Warneford Hospital 25 children received treatment. Two of these were provided with Spectacles free of cost.

(2) NOSE AND THROAT.

35 cases of Tonsils and Adenoids were operated on at the Warneford Hospital and 2 by Private Practitioners.

Since the Scheme of Treatment at the Warneford Hospital was inaugurated in 1920, the operations for this defect have numbered 171. The cases have all been followed up, and in practically every instance the general health and physique of the child has shown marked improvement, especially where Dental defects have been remedied at the same time.

Parents themselves have commented on the improved appetite and especially on the lessened tendency to catch colds after operation.

(3) TUBERCULOSIS.

Notifications have numbered 5 in all, 4 of Pulmonary Tuberculosis and 1 of Tuberculous Peritonitis.

For the year just ended, 30 children were on the Register, the site of the disease being as follows:

Lungs, 10. Glands, 6 Bones, 9. Peritoneum, 5.

Nine children have spent some portion of the year in Institutions, viz., 2 at the Warneford Hospital, 2 at Heatherwood, 4 at Hertford Hill, and 1 at Bramcote.

One death occurred in July of a boy notified in the previous May as suffering from Phthisis.

(4) GOITRE.

20 cases of Goitre were found, all the cases being, with one exception, in girls.

In 7 cases a family history of this condition was obtained. The Mother alone was affected in 4, the Mother and two Aunts in 1, Mother and Sister in 1, and Sister alone in 1.

(5) INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Two small epidemics occurred which occasioned a certain loss of School attendance.

The first, of Whooping Cough, of which there were 111 cases in the first four months of the year, started simultaneously at Leicester Street and Milverton Infants' Schools. Later Shrubland Street Infants' and St. Paul's were infected, and there were a few scattered cases in the other Schools.

The other epidemic was of Chicken-Pox—the number of cases notified being 196—which started in January at St. Paul's and Milverton Schools. The epidemic continued throughout the year—practically every School being attacked. The largest number of cases were in January, May and October, when the numbers were 35, 33 and 54 respectively. The severity of the eruption in a number of cases was a marked feature.

(6) RINGWORM.

Only 12 cases of Ringworm of the Scalp were found during the year. Seven of these were treated by X-rays, and the results were uniformly good.

(7) DENTAL DEFECTS.

The Dental Surgeon reports as follows:—

“Attendances at the Dental Clinic were well up to the average, and in the latter months of the year were better than they have ever been. The number of children returning for periodical re-examination continues to improve, but considering that every child is instructed to report in six months' time for inspection, it is obvious that a prodigious amount of apathy still persists.

It is frequently noticed that the mouths of children who are forced to return by toothache after some years' absence are again in a bad condition, so that much otherwise useful work is wasted. It should be noted that the chief aim of the Clinic is to prevent Dental troubles rather than to cure them, but this can only be attained with the co-operation of the parents and children themselves.

The provision of a fund to supply toothbrushes at a nominal cost, or, in necessitous cases, gratis, would be a great help, as it is disheartening to feel, as is frequently the case, that one's efforts will be stultified by subsequent neglect of hygiene. Through the generosity of certain firms, toothpaste is obtained and distributed gratis, but brushes are all too frequently lacking.”

PREVIOUS INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

An enquiry into the number of children who had at one time or another suffered from an attack of one of the commoner infectious diseases gave the following figures:—

Measles	...	...	...	...	443
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	290
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	...	134
Scarlet Fever	...	...	..	...	25
Mumps	...	...	...	...	30
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	15
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	21

VACCINATION.

The complete figures are as follows :—

	Total Examined.	Not Vaccinated.	Vaccination Marks.				Total.	Percentage
			1	2	3	4		
GIRLS	555	360	18	24	24	129	195	35
Boys	508	327	16	24	20	121	181	35

Of those vaccinated the figures are :—

	Total.	Vaccinated.	Percentage.
Girls—Entrants up to 6 years	132	35	26
From 6 „ 12 years	194	64	33
„ 12 „ 14 years	226	95	42
Boys—Entrants up to 6 years	149	47	32
From 6 „ 12 years	194	62	32
„ 12 „ 14 years	165	72	43

TABLE IV.

(Table III., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

Return of all Exceptional Children in the Area.

			BOYS.	GIRLS.	TOTAL.
BLIND. (Including partially blind).	(1) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally Blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind ...	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools...	—	—	—
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	(2) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially Blind.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Blind ...	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools...	—	—	—
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
DEAF. (Including deaf and dumb and partially deaf).	(1) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the totally deaf or deaf and dumb.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf ...	—	2	2
		Attending Public Elementary Schools...	2	—	2
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	(2) Suitable for training in a School or Class for the partially deaf.	Attending Certified Schools or Classes for the Deaf ...	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	—	—	—
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
MENTALLY DEFECTIVE.	Feebleminded (cases not notifiable to the Local Control Authority).	Attending Certified Schools for Mentally Defective Children...	—	1	1
		Attending Public Elementary Schools...	5	9	14
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	2	3	5
	Notified to the Local Control Authority.	Feebleminded ...	4	8	12
		Imbeciles ...	—	—	—
		Idiots ...	1	—	1

TABLE III., BOARD OF EDUCATION (continued).

			Boys.	Girls.	Total.
EPILEPTICS.	Suffering from Severe Epilepsy.	Attending Certified Special Schools for Epileptics ...	—	—	—
		In Institutions other than Certified Special Schools ...	—	—	—
		Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	1	1	2
	Suffering from Epilepsy which is not severe.	Attending Public Elementary Schools ...	3	2	5
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
PHYSICALLY DEFECTIVE.	Infectious Pulmonary and Glandular Tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board...	3	1	4
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	Non-infectious but active Pulmonary and Glandular Tuberculosis	At Sanatoria or Sanatorium Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board...	—	—	—
		At Certified Residential Open-Air Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Open-Air Schools	—	—	—
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	3	7	10
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	Delicate children (e.g., re- or latent Tuberculosis, Malnutrition, Debility, Anæmia, etc).	At Certified Residential Open-Air Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Open-Air Schools	—	—	—
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	8	14	22
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—
	Active Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	At Sanatoria or Hospital Schools approved by the Ministry of Health or the Board ...	2	1	3
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	6	2	8
		At other Institutions ...	1	1	2
		At no School or Institution ...	1	2	3
	Crippled Children (other than those with active Tuberculosis disease) e.g., children suffering from Paralysis, &c., and including those with severe heart disease.	At Certified Hospital Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Residential Cripple Schools ...	—	—	—
		At Certified Day Cripple Schools	—	—	—
		At Public Elementary Schools ...	5	5	10
		At other Institutions ...	—	—	—
		At no School or Institution ...	—	—	—

TABLE V.

(TABLE IV., BOARD OF EDUCATION).

Return of Defects treated during the Year ended December 31st.

GROUP 1. Minor Ailments (excluding Uncleanliness).

Disease or Defect. 1	Number of Defects treated, or under treatment during the year.		
	Under the Authority's Scheme. 2	Otherwise. 3	TOTAL. 4
Skin—			
Ringworm, Scalp	7	5	12
Ringworm, Body	12	3	15
Scabies	10	—	10
Impetigo	134	—	134
Other Skin Diseases ...	15	—	15
Minor Eye Defects—			
(External and other, but ex- cluding cases falling in Group II.)	19	1	20
Minor Ear Defects—	5	—	5
Miscellaneous—			
(e.g., minor injuries, bruises, sores, chilblains, etc.) ...	226	8	234
Total	428	17	445

TABLE V. (continued).

GROUP II. Defective Vision and Squint (excluding Minor Eye Defects treated as Minor Ailments—Group I.).

Defect or Disease. 1	Number of Defects dealt with.			
	Under the Authority's Scheme. 2	Submitted to refraction by private practitioner or at Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. 3	Otherwise. 4	TOTAL. 5
Errors of Refraction (including Squint). (Operations for Squint should be recorded separately in the body of the Report) ...	25	—	—	25
Other Defect or Disease of the Eyes (excluding those recorded in Group I.) ...	1	—	—	1
TOTAL ...	26	—	—	26

Total number of children for whom spectacles were prescribed :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme ... 24
(b) Otherwise —

Total number of children who obtained or received spectacles :

(a) Under the Authority's Scheme ... 24
(b) Otherwise —

GROUP III. Treatment of Defects of Nose and Throat.

Number of Defects.				Total number treated.
Received Operative Treatment.			Received other forms of treatment.	
Under the Authority's Scheme, in Clinic or Hospital. 1	By Private Practitioner or Hospital, apart from the Authority's Scheme. 2	TOTAL. 3		
35	2	37	2	39

TABLE V. (continued).

GROUP IV.

(1) Number of children who were:—

(a) Inspected by the Dentist.

Aged	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	Total
	84	122	103	152	125	99	92	117	78	63	1035
								Specials	...	...	215
								Grand Total	...	...	1250

(b) Found to require treatment ... 505

(c) Actually treated ... 318

(d) Treated during the year as the result of periodical examination 95

(2) Half days devoted to { Inspection ... 8
Treatment ... 69 Total... 77

(3) Attendances made by children for treatment ... 835

(4) Fillings { Permanent Teeth ... 257
Temporary Teeth ... 25 Total... 282(5) Extractions { Permanent Teeth ... 152
Temporary Teeth ... 589 Total... 741

(6) Administrations of General Anæsthetics for Extractions ... Nil.

(7) Other Operations { Permanent Teeth 389
Temporary Teeth Nil. Total... 389

Group V. Uncleanliness and Verminous Conditions.

(1) Average number of visits per School made during the year by the School Nurses ... 40

(2) Total number of examinations of children in the Schools by School Nurses ... 6733

(3) Number of individual children found unclean ... 210

(4) Number of children cleansed under arrangements made by the Local Education Authority ... 31

(5) Number of cases in which Legal proceedings were taken:

(a) Under the Education Act, 1921 ... Nil

(b) Under School Attendance Bye-Laws ... Nil

Under the Employment of Children Act, 1903, and Education Act, 1918, and Bye-Laws made thereunder, 112 certificates of fitness to work were granted, viz.: 99 to boys and 13 to girls,

The Work of the School Nurse.

The following is a statistical return of the work of the School Nurse:—

Visits to Schools	...	...	...	...	...	398
Visits to Home	...	...	...	...	...	2074
Number of Children examined for Verminous Conditions	...	...	...	...	...	6733

TABLE VI.

RESULTS OF SCHOOL NURSE'S SURPRISE VISITS TO SCHOOLS RE VERMINOUS CONDITIONS.

SCHOOL.	DEPART- MENT,	HEAD.		BODY.		TOTAL EXAMINED
		Vermin	Nits	Vermin	Bites	
CLAPHAM TERRACE	Boys	5	2	—	1	278
	Girls	34	27	—	1	546
	Infants	8	—	—	2	254
LEICESTER STREET	Boys	1	—	—	1	111
	Girls	3	14	—	—	429
	Infants	23	18	2	7	516
MILVERTON ...	Boys	2	—	—	—	104
	Girls	9	7	—	—	135
	Infants	27	10	—	1	256
SHRUBLAND STREET	Boys	4	—	—	—	199
	Girls	42	26	—	5	322
	Infants	25	1	—	3	311
LILLINGTON (C.E.)	Boys	1	—	—	—	73
	Girls	8	5	—	—	87
	Infants	—	5	—	—	85
BATH PLACE (C.E.)	Boys	7	—	—	—	334
	Girls	23	22	—	2	474
	Infants	27	12	—	6	498
ST. PAUL'S (C.E.)	Boys	4	3	—	—	53
	Girls	17	5	—	4	186
	Infants	56	14	—	3	341
ST. PETER'S (R.C.)	Boys	—	—	—	—	115
	Girls	5	5	—	—	153
	Infants	29	12	—	13	379
WESLEYAN ...	Boys	2	—	—	—	81
	Girls	11	7	—	—	131
	Infants	—	—	—	1	81
TOTALS ...		367	195	2	50	6532

School Closures.

No Schools were closed during the year by reason of the occurrence of Infection Disease.

TABLE VII.

CASES OF COMMUNICABLE DISEASE EXCLUDED FROM SCHOOL,
JANUARY TO DECEMBER, 1924.

	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.*	September.	October.	November.	December.	TOTALS.
Tuberculosis ...	2	...	...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Scarlet Fever ...	2	1	1	3	1	1	5	...	7	1	1	3	24
Diphtheria ...	...	...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	5
Whooping-Cough	52	35	18	6	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	113
Measles ...	...	...	...	9	8	7	3	...	2	1	...	...	30
Chickenpox ...	35	4	...	16	33	12	11	...	15	34	24	12	196
Ringworm ...	2	2	...	2	...	4	2	...	4	4	...	3	23
Impetigo ...	21	17	11	5	16	9	6	...	9	14	5	15	128
Scabies ...	4	...	...	1	2	1	...	...	1	...	...	1	10
Mumps ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	25
Encephalitis Lethargica	1	1	1	3
TOTALS ...	118	59	31	42	64	35	29	...	39	54	30	61	562

* Schools not open this month

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Boys to the number of 193 were examined.

The age distribution was as follows:—

Years ...	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
	1	13	7	9	14	36	37	32	23	16	4	1	193

VACCINATION.

133 (68%) had been vaccinated, the number of marks being:—

4	Scars	...	...	60	...	...	45%
3	„	...	...	27	...	...	20%
2	„	...	...	34	...	...	25%
1	„	...	...	12	...	...	9%

A History of having previously suffered from an Infectious Disease was found as follows:—

Measles	...	...	...	121
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	46
Chicken Pox	...	...	...	48
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	10
Diphtheria	...	...	...	5
Pneumonia	...	...	...	6
Mumps	...	...	...	4

The following defects were found:—

SKIN. Ichthyosis 1; Acne Vulgaris 2.

NOSE AND THROAT. Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids, 32.

HEART AND CIRCULATION. Heart Disease, Functional, 1.

ENLARGED GLANDS (NECK). 15.

ENLARGED THYROID. 3.

ANAEMIA. 2.

DENTAL CARIES.

The teeth in the case of boys were not so well kept as those of the girls, as has yearly been found.

In 57 cases they were very good,

In 70 cases they were good.

In 66 cases Caries was present, the figures being as follows:—

1	Carious	Tooth	...	...	...	31
2	„	Teeth	...	...	...	19
3	„	„	...	...	...	7
4	or more	„	...	...	...	8
	Very bad	„	...	...	...	1

EYE DEFECTS.

24 cases of Defective Vision were noted. For 18 of these Spectacles were already provided; of the others, in four cases the defect was 6/12 or more.

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GIRLS.

Girls to the number of 124 were examined, the age distribution being as follows:—

Years	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	Total
	1	2	1	1	2	9	17	21	25	26	13	4	1	1	124

VACCINATION.

Of these 124 girls examined, 84 (67%) had been vaccinated, and 40 had not.

In those vaccinated, the number of Scars noted was as follows:—

4	Scars	...	...	44	...	...	52%
3	„	...	...	18	...	...	21%
2	„	...	...	8	...	...	9%
1	„	...	...	14	...	...	16%

PREVIOUS INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

A History of certain Infectious Diseases was obtained in a number of cases. These were as follows:—

Measles	...	...	...	...	87
Whooping Cough			...	...	35
Chicken Pox		...	..	...	46
Scarlet Fever		...	...	...	10
Diphtheria		...	...	...	4
Pneumonia		...	..	...	2
Mumps	...	...	...	...	5
Paratyphoid		...	...	...	1

The following defects were found:—

NOSE AND THROAT. Enlarged Tonsils and Adenoids, 22.

HEART AND CIRCULATION. Heart Disease, Functional, 2.

ENLARGED GLANDS (NECK). 1.

ENLARGED THYROID. 9.

ANAEMIA. 9.

DENTAL CARIES.

The condition of the Teeth was on the whole good.

The Teeth in 62 cases were very good, and in 37 cases good.

In 25 cases some Dental Caries were present, the figures being as follows:—

1	Carious	Tooth	...	...	...	11
2	„	Teeth	...	...	...	6
3	„	„	...	...	...	2
4	or more	„	...	...	...	6

EYE DEFECTS.

14 cases of Defective Vision were observed. In 7 cases this had been corrected by glasses; of the others, in three only was the defect 6/12 or more.

It is to be regretted that only 57 parents (18%) were present at the medical examinations, as more satisfactory results are obtained by personally pointing out to them any defects in their children that require attention, than by a written notice informing them of the desirability of medical or surgical treatment.



